

WHEAT SOARS HIGH IN CHICAGO PIT Gains 1 1/2 Cents Over Saturday's Close, Selling at \$2.37 1/4. Other Options Jump

NEW YORK, April 16.—Wheat received at the Weather Bureau this morning included the following weather: Temperature: 70-72; Wind: light; Clouds: clear.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Prices for wheat today, and it was plainly evident that many buyers had become panic-stricken. May and July soared far above their previous high marks.

May, after having sold at \$2.25, jumped to \$2.37, compared with the previous high mark established on Saturday of \$2.23 1/4.

Private cables said that the Allies were rapidly cultivating all reclaimed territory. Shipments from the United Kingdom is receiving a good share.

U. S. STEEL CORPORATION TO PAY \$43,000,000 TAXES Judge Gary Tells Stockholders That Earnings Depend Largely on Lawmakers' Demands

NEW YORK, April 16.—Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, told the stockholders at the annual meeting in Hoboken today that the earnings of the corporation would depend very largely on how much would have to be paid in additional taxes.

"These other laws will be passed, no one has the burden of any doubt," he continued. "The burden will be imposed by the Government upon corporations and individuals no doubt will be very large."

"These I believe are the questions which are in the minds of all good citizens. Not knowing what these laws will be, or how large the burden will be, it is impossible to state what will be the net result."

Dividends Declared: The Board of Directors of the United States Steel Corporation, regular quarterly dividend of 10 cents per share, payable May 15.

Hexamer Favors Intensive Farming: Charles J. Hexamer, president of the German American Alliance in Philadelphia, declared today that the intensive farming movement should be aided by everybody.

Railroad Earnings: CHICAGO AND EASTERN ILLINOIS February Gross \$1,470,334; Net \$622,014; Operating Expenses \$848,320.

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PHILADELPHIA MARKETS GRAIN AND FLOUR WHEAT—Receipts, 168,015 bush. With strongly bullish speculation in the West caused by a record crop, cash grain prices further advanced.

PROVISIONS There was a fair, jobbing inquiry and the market ruled steady. Quotations: Beef, 100 lbs. in pack, \$11.00; City beef, 100 lbs. in pack, \$10.75.

REFINED SUGARS The market was quiet but firm. Refiners' list prices: 90% refined, 100 lbs. in bag, \$11.00.

DAIRY PRODUCTS BUTTER—Offerings were light and prices advanced. Quotations: Western, 100 lbs. in pack, \$11.00.

POULTRY LIVE—Offerings of desirable stock were moderate and values were steadily maintained. Quotations: Chickens, 100 lbs. in pack, \$11.00.

FRESH FRUITS Choice stock sold fairly well and values generally were maintained. Quotations: Apples, 100 lbs. in pack, \$11.00.

VEGETABLES Potatoes were in good demand and a shade higher. Quotations: White potatoes, 100 lbs. in pack, \$11.00.

LONDON STOCK MARKET Accumulation of Orders Causes Firmness—Americans Are High LONDON, April 16.—There was a fair accumulation of orders for securities from investors over the week-end and the Stock Exchange markets today were firm, with a tendency to harden further.

LIVE STOCK QUOTATIONS CHICAGO, April 16.—HOGS—Receipts, 26,000. Market steady to 10c lower. Mixed and butchers, \$12.00-12.50.

RECRUITING DAY RALLY Altoona to Hold Patriotic Demonstration on Thursday ALTOONA, Pa., April 16.—Twelve men, all Philadelphians, are on their way to this city as the first contingent of recruits for the Third Regiment, N. G. P. head-

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LA VITTORIA INGLESE NEL SETTORE DI LENS Anche i Belgi Tornano all'Offensiva e Penetrano nella Seconda Linea Tedesca a Dixmude SULLA FRONTE ITALIANA Il Presidente del Consiglio, On. Boselli, Parla ad Una Colazione all'Am-basciatore Page

ROMA, 16 Aprile. La battaglia di Arras, che si estende in realtà fra St. Quentin e Loos su di una fronte di oltre cinquanta miglia, continua con un accanimento degno di un esercito che compie la sua preparazione per la guerra vera e propria.

QUESTA mattina le truppe inglesi tengono sotto un violentissimo bombardamento la difesa della città, con tutti le opere di difesa e questione di ore. Questa mattina il generale Haig comunicava al governo inglese che le sue truppe avevano conquistato ancora in direzione nord-ovest tra Lens e Arras.

UNA COLAZIONE A T. N. PAGE Sallustio fu l'ambasciatore americano Thomas Nelson Page, una colazione alla quale intervennero le più spiccate personalità della politica italiana e parecchi membri del governo, tra cui il presidente del Consiglio, on. Boselli.

Il ministro della Guerra francese comunicò nella zona di St. Quentin e sud della città, sono in corso violente azioni di artiglieria. Le batterie francesi hanno cannoneggiato e disperso truppe tedesche che andavano concentrandosi nella zona di Hamcourt, a sud di St. Quentin.

SULLA FRONTE ITALIANA ieri sera il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna sulla situazione alla fronte italo-austriaca: Sulla fronte del Trentino la neve ed il maltempo hanno di nuovo ostacolato le operazioni di guerra nella giornata di ieri.

WILSON ALLA NAZIONE WASHINGTON, 16 Aprile.—Il presidente Wilson ha diretto un appello a tutta la nazione perché contribuisca alla vittoria degli americani nella guerra mondiale all'Intesa. Il presidente fa rilevare che coloro che sarebbero stati a portare le armi e sono esclusi possono contribuire alla vittoria tanto quanto quelli che sono sulla linea del fuoco.

FRATERNAL AMERICANS State Council Officers Go With Integrity Delegation to Frankford Council A visitation will be paid this evening by Integrity Council, No. 328, to Frankford Council, No. 176. Members and visitors will assemble at Frankford and Kensington avenues at 8:30, when a short street parade will be held.

THE GRAND FRATERNITY Contribution of a Fine Building to the Use of Patriotic Meetings At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Grand Fraternity it was determined that as an evidence of the purpose to assist in the furtherance of patriotic work, a committee be appointed to secure a building for the use of patriotic meetings.

COMMISSIONERS UPHELD BY TWINING AND GAFNEY Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of Council's Finance Committee, and Director of Transit Twining, who were in Harrisburg with Mayor Smith when the Public Service Commission decided to give the transit problems no further consideration until the transit bill before the Legislature and the issue of declared last night that the action of the commission was for the best interest of the city.

FOURTH DISTRICT CAMP RALLY OF P. O. S. A. The Fourth Philadelphia District will hold a rally in the room of Camp 243, Germantown and Roberts avenue, this evening. It is one of the progressive camps of this district.

P. P. JOSEPH SISLER Veteran of the largest camp in the P. O. S. of A. JUNIOR ORDER U. A. M. Live Activities of Marlin Council in Preparation for Anniversary An interesting feature at the meeting of John L. Marlin Council was the presentation of a letter from the Marlin Council to the P. O. S. of A. Council, No. 111, of Philadelphia.

THE ORIENTAL COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN COUNTY held the first meeting last week since its installation. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Hines, president of the council.

LEHIGH ASSEMBLY will hold the annual dinner at 1620 North Broad street next Thursday night, the 19th inst. The dinner will be given for the benefit of the Lehigh Valley Hospital.

THE MACCABEES An encouraging bit of news is published in the April Fraternal Monitor with reference to the Lehigh Valley Hospital. The hospital is now in a very favorable financial position and is expected to be completed in the near future.

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